

TROUBLED ASSET RELIEF PROGRAM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), focusing on the continued attention needed to ensure the transparency and accountability of ongoing programs, after receiving testimony from Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program; Elizabeth Warren, Chair, Congressional Oversight Panel; and Richard J. Hillman, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Scot Alan Marciel, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Judith R. Fergin, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Helen Patricia Reed-Rowe, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, and Paul W. Jones, of New York, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, all of the Department of State, Robert M. Orr, of Florida, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), and Nisha Desai Biswal, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

QUADRENNIAL HOMELAND SECURITY REVIEW AND BOTTOM UP REVIEW

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Homeland Security Department's Quadrennial Homeland Security Review and Bottom Up Review, after receiving testimony from Jane Holl Lute, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

RARE AND NEGLECTED PEDIATRIC DISEASES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine treating rare and neglected pediatric diseases, focusing on promoting the development of new treatments and cures, after receiving testimony from Jesse L. Goodman, Chief Scientist, and Deputy Commissioner, Science and Public Health, Food and Drug Administration, and Alan E. Guttmacher, Acting Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Alexander J. Silver, Jackson Gabriel Silver Foundation, and Suerie Moon, Doctors Without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontieres-USA, both of New York,

New York; Diane Edquist Dorman, National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD), Washington, D.C.; John F. Crowley, Amicus Therapeutics, Cranbury, New Jersey, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization; and Daniel A.C. Frattarelli, American Academy of Pediatrics, Dearborn, Michigan.

SECOND CHANCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Second Chance Act, focusing on strengthening safe and effective community re-entry, after receiving testimony from Andrew A. Pallito, Vermont Department of Corrections Commissioner, Waterbury; Le'Ann Duran, National Re-entry Resource Center, and Howard Husock, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, both of New York, New York; Sol Rodriguez, OpenDoors, Providence, Rhode Island; and David B. Muhlhausen, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

POST-9/11 GOVERNMENT ISSUE BILL

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improvements to the post-9/11 Government Issue (GI) Bill, including S. 3447, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, after receiving testimony from Robert E. Clark, Assistant Director for Accession Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Keith M. Wilson, Director, Education Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; Captain Gerard M. Farrell, USN (Ret.), Commissioned Officers' Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Landover, Maryland; Eric Hilleman, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Terry W. Hartle, American Council on Education, and Tim Embree, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Judith Flink, University of Illinois Student Financial Services, Champaign.

CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs), focusing on if CCRCs are a secure retirement or a risky investment, how CCRCs operate and what financial risks are associated with their operation and establishment, how state laws address these risks and what is known about how adequately they protect CCRCs' financial condition, risks CCRC residents face, and how state laws address these risks and what is known about their adequacy, after receiving testimony from Alicia Puente Cackley, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office;